

**Energy Committee Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
October 4, 2010**

Minutes taken by Nora E. McGrath

Present: Des Fitzgerald, Sid Lindsley, Brian Robinson, Richard Knowlton, Peter Kalajian, Martin Cates, Jeff Kuller, Tom Hopps, Bill Behrens, Dorie Klein, and Jim Mays.

Absent: Bennett Bricker, Leonard Lookner, Jeff Lewis, and Parker Laite, Jr.

- 1) Review and vote on 13 September Energy Committee Meeting Minutes.

Sid Lindley made a motion to approve the minutes. Richard Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 2) Resident Tom Hopps spoke regarding the policy he and Jean Morrison brought before the Select Board in January 2010 against idling vehicles in the town of Camden. After much discussion, the consensus was to ask Roberta for information on town statistics from previous years regarding the town vehicles' anti-idling policy (already in place) and to ask her what the issues are for each of the Department heads. It was also. Once this information is determined the Energy Committee will look again at the issue and will make a recommendation to the Select Board at that time.
- 3) Bill Behrens from Revisions Energy spoke regarding Municipal Space and Solar Energy. After hearing his talk and the discussion that followed, members of the Energy Committee had come up with a few committee members who would look further into putting solar panels on town owned properties. Peter Kalajian, Brian Robinson, Richard Knowlton with the technical help of Bill Behrens will delve deeper into this and report back with findings at next meeting. The consensus of the group was "enthusiastic".
- 4) Seabright Hydro Update. First turbo up and running. Preliminary news, regarding the funding applied for, is that Camden made the cut and is above the bar. The next step is to add a control system (automate) and rebuild the second turbine. The noise issue is being addressed by Ross and insulation for sound muffling is being looked into.
- 5) Ragged Mountain Wind Update: Names have come in to form a committee, mostly from the Friends of Ragged Mountain. Rockport is looking into a wind ordinance, Energy Committee. has already stated that they would like to participate in the construction of a wind ordinance. Rockport Select Board has invited Energy Committee to attend their October 12th meeting to deliberate on the topic. Ken Gross doing a series of lectures at the library on renewables and wind and also has invited a member of Energy Committee to attend on October 26 to give an update on where Camden's process is. Richard has volunteered to do this. Camden will discuss the committee formation after what's heard in Rockport. Discussion with citizens at meeting took place regarding town funding of studies etc., and it was made clear that the town has not put any money into researching a study.
- 6) Street Lighting Update: Peter Kalajian now has a data base from the town showing what street lights the town believes it has, but still needs the town to print up a big map with all the street lights so he can pull out sections of the map to give to people to verify that the lights, on said streets, exist. The town has no idea what lights they have. It is known how many lights of each type CMP thinks the town has. CMP records are poor. Municipalities all over the country are cutting down because it's expensive. Would be wise to get exact totals of town's usage.

- 7) Other Business. Sid suggested that this portion of the meeting (#7) be moved to the top of the agenda. It was agreed.
- 8) Next Meeting: November 1, 2010 in the WSCR at 5:30PM.